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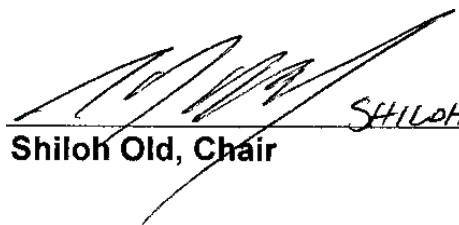
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Executive Summary

The Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) Technical Advisory Panel (Panel) met in Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 8-10, 2016, to provide the USDA Forest Service with recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture on which grant applications submitted for funding under the 2016 CFRP Request for Applications (RFA) best met the program objectives. The meeting was open to the public. Nine of the twelve Panel members attended the meeting (see Appendix D). The Secretary of Agriculture re-authorized the Federal Advisory Committee chartered for the Panel for two years on July 14, 2016 pursuant to the Community Forest Restoration Act of 2000 (Title VI, Pub. L. No. 106-393).

Panel members completed ethics training on the roles and responsibilities of USDA Advisory Committee representatives. At the meeting, the Panel reviewed their Bylaws and responsibilities under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), reviewed the grant applications, and considered information presented during the public comment periods. The Panel also provided recommendations for improving the Panel review process and the Request for Applications (RFA).

If a Panel Member or any member of their immediate family, or organization employing them, would directly or indirectly financially benefit from a CFRP grant proposal being evaluated, or if a Panel Member had an identified role in the implementation of the project, that Panel member left the meeting room during the discussion of that proposal and recused themselves from the Panel's decision to avoid a conflict of interest. The Panel review comments indicate when a Panel member left the room during the discussion or consistency review of that proposal. Panel members did not score proposals if they were not present during the Panel discussion on that application.

The Panel reviewed 14 CFRP grant applications requesting \$4,545,033 in federal funding and recommended 10 projects to fund in 2016 totaling \$3,290,157 (the funding available for CFRP grants in fiscal year 2016) as well additional projects should more funding become available.

The Panel asked the Forest Service to convene a subcommittee to review the multi-party monitoring reports from completed CFRP projects. The subcommittee will meet in the fall of 2016 and report back to the panel with their findings. The following Panel members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee: Ron Loehman, Krys Nystrom, Shiloh Old, and Sara Kuykendall.

This report, the Panel Charter, the Federal Register Announcement for the Panel meeting and the 2016 RFA are available on the CFRP website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp>) or by contacting Walter Dunn, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, telephone (505) 842-3425.

Application Review Process

The Panel reviewed CFRP grant applications in three categories: 1) Planning, assessment and NEPA compliance; 2) Small diameter tree utilization; and 3) Implementation of on the ground restoration treatments. The Forest Service provided the Panel with administrative notes regarding eligibility. The Panel used a consensus based process to develop strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for each application. Panel members then independently scored each proposal on a scale of 0-5 indicating how well it addressed each of the evaluation criteria (0=not at all, 5=exceptionally well).

Following the consistency review Panel members developed a process for scoring each proposal's effect on long-term management and assigned a weight of 1.63 to that criterion. The Panel considered the following in developing their score for a project's effect on long-term management:

- Best return on the investment to accomplish CFRP purposes and objectives.
- Innovation that makes appropriate forest management more cost efficient.
- Contribution to accomplishing larger landscape scale objectives.
- Part of a landscape scale effort within an area that leads to land and watershed protection.
- The ability to act as a catalyst to increase the effectiveness of projects beyond the one being proposed.
- Facilitates protection of communities from wildfire.
- Allows more flexibility in wildland fire management.
- Ability to create assets that are capable of generating net benefit past this project.
- Increases community awareness and acceptance of fire's role in the landscape.
- Creating and maintaining utilization infrastructure.
- The extent to which a business applicant is able to be self-sustaining, using funding sources other than, and in addition to, CFRP.
- The extent to which the proposal builds on (innovation and experimentation) previous CFRP projects as opposed to repeating previous CFRP accomplishments.
- Maintaining local sustainable forest industries that provide land managers with a source (of workers) for removing excessive fuels and establishing healthy forests.
- Collaboration between using small diameter timber and a market based approach.
- Commitment to follow up first entry with second entry to avoid losing fire benefits gained.
- Improving efficiency while maintaining, or increasing long-term employment levels.
- Dedication to culture of safety for forest workers, fire managers, youth and employees.
- Improving wildlife habitat and watershed function, including for endangered species.
- Monitoring contributes significantly to current knowledge, either forest restoration or forest industry.

Forest Service staff calculated the average score for each application and created a table listing the applications from highest to lowest score in each of the three project categories (planning, utilization, and implementation).

Evaluation Criteria

Application Number: _____

Assign a score of 0-5 to each of the evaluation criteria listed below indicating how well each one has been addressed (0=not at all, 5=exceptionally well).	
1. Will the proposed project reduce the threat of large, high intensity wildfires and the negative effects of excessive competition between trees by restoring ecosystem functions (including healthy watersheds), structures, and species composition, including the reduction of non-native species populations?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed project re-establish fire regimes approximating those that shaped forest ecosystems prior to fire suppression?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed project replant trees in deforested areas, if they exist, in the proposed project area?	<u>yes no N/A</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed project improve the use of, or add value to, small diameter trees?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed project include a diverse and balanced group of stakeholders as well as appropriate Federal, Tribal, State, County, Land Grant, and Municipal government representatives in the design and implementation of the project? (Conservation Groups are non-government, non-commodity groups whose objectives include forest restoration, biodiversity and/or habitat conservation, education and/or outreach.)	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the proposal include a plan for a multiparty assessment that will: a) Identify both the existing ecological condition of the proposed project area and the desired future condition; and b) Monitor and report on the positive or negative impact and effectiveness of the project including improvements in local management skills and on the ground results?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the project proposal incorporate current scientific forest restoration information?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed project preserve old and large trees?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed project create local employment or training opportunities within the context of accomplishing restoration objectives and include summer youth job programs, such as the Youth Conservation Corps, where appropriate?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Have the proponents demonstrated the capability to successfully implement and administer the proposed project?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Does the proposed project include landscape-scale, multi-jurisdictional effort(s)?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12. Have the applicants demonstrated that the proposed activity is in a priority area for hazardous fuel reduction?	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

13. Is the cost of the project reasonable and within the range of the fair market value for similar work?	<div> <div>0 1 2 3 4 5</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>
14. Did the applicant provide the information described in Section IV of the Request for Applications (RFA)?	<div> <div>0 1 2 3 4 5</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>

2016 CFRP Grant Application Panel Review Comments

CFRP 01-16: Padilla Logging Restoration LLC

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 01-16
CATEGORY:	Utilization
ORGANIZATION:	Padilla Logging
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	The Infrastructure of Utilization for Forest Rehabilitation
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	54.38

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The proposal is strengthened by letters from numerous firewood and lumber clients who commit to purchasing the material resulting from this project.
2. The equipment requested will help reduce the cost per acre of treatments to a low industry level.
3. The equipment requested will provide additional regional capacity to remove higher volumes of marketable small-diameter timber (SDT) coming out of the Santa Fe National Forest in the upcoming years.
4. The proposed work in Santa Clara Canyon is a strength because of the environmental benefits that will go beyond timber utilization.
5. The proposal is strengthened by the number and diversity of the letters of commitment from partners, including Santa Clara Pueblo, land grants, conservation organizations, NMFIA, and NM State Forestry.

Weaknesses:

1. The monitoring plan would be strengthened if the amount of material and treated acres accomplished per week were monitored to verify that the equipment has increased production.

Recommendations:

1. Due diligence should be made by the proponent to find a more reasonably priced accounting service in the area. Padilla Logging should provide an updated cost breakdown of the accounting services to include socioeconomic monitoring services.

2. If funded, the applicant may want to consider purchasing a truck with lower mileage that does not have blow-by.
3. The proponent should work with the land managers to ensure that the equipment being requested is being used in a way that would minimize erosion and enhance watershed recovery of the burned area.

CFRP 02-16: Restoration Solutions, LLC

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 02-16
CATEGORY:	Utilization
ORGANIZATION:	Restoration Solutions, LLC
FOREST:	Cibola
PROJECT TITLE:	Improving the Utilization of Small Diameter Trees with Transportation Capacity in Central New Mexico
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	54.54

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The use of the chip van developed by the Forest Service Forest Products Lab will improve hauling of chips.
2. The equipment being requested can also be used to decommission roads as necessary within the Cibola National Forest
3. The commitment to decommission Forest Service roads post-treatment aligns with the transportation management plan of the Cibola National Forest.
4. The proposal identifies a pipeline of forest restoration projects on the Cibola National Forest.
5. The monitoring plan is a strength in that it includes quantitative measures of the effects of the proposed activities.

Weaknesses: None

Recommendations:

1. The monitoring plan should include an economic comparison of removing chips from the treatment site with the chip van trailer vs the alternatives.
2. The monitoring/education plan would be strengthened by involving youth, YCC, and local community members.

CFRP 03-16: Conley's Lumber Mill, LLC

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 03-16 Rev
CATEGORY:	Utilization
ORGANIZATION:	Conley's Lumber Mill, LLC
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Complimenting Firewood Communities
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	51.26

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The proponent has responded satisfactorily to the recommendations of the previous panel (see Appendix G).
2. This project proposal includes many diverse partners.
3. The project will distribute 240 cords of firewood to needy communities over three years at no cost.
4. The proposal includes community outreach and the multi-party monitoring plan has detailed socioeconomic and educational components with reasonable and obtainable indicators of success.

Weaknesses:

1. The letter from Santa Clara Pueblo Forestry dated January 4th does not speak to the forest restoration treatment and fire regimes on the acres that the wood is coming off of for utilization.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by letters of commitment from clients who would be willing to purchase large volumes of firewood, as well as an indication of the potential volume they might purchase.
2. The applicant referenced an existing business plan, but the application would have been strengthened by including relevant parts of the business plan in the appendix.

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CFRP 04-16: Chimayo Conservation Corp

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 04-16
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Chimayo Conservation Corp
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Promoting Training and Career Development for Young Adults and Veterans in Watershed and Forest Restoration
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 214,120
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 53,530
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 267,650
EVALUATION SCORE:	43.83

Administrative Notes:

- A letter is missing letter from Forest Fitness, one of the project partners. (submitted as Public Comment) See Appendix F.
- No references

Strengths:

1. There is a thorough description of the scientific basis for the project.
2. The proposal states that the project will create 15 to 18 jobs for young adults and veterans.

Weaknesses:

1. Forest Fitness is included in the budget (\$170,000), but neither a work plan nor their role in the project is adequately described in the proposal. In Table 2, Forest Fitness is listed with numerous other partners for the same task, and it is not clear what Forest Fitness would do in comparison to the other partners.
2. There is no letter of commitment or support from Forest Fitness.
3. The proposal did not include a list of references.

Recommendations:

1. Though the stated treatment cost per acre of \$450 is very reasonable, the proposal would have been strengthened with a letter from Forest Fitness confirming this number.
2. The proposal would be strengthened if the personal use permits were designated specifically for this area for more accurate data collection.
3. This proposal would be strengthened if the adjacent private landowners submitted letters of support.

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CFRP 05-16: Silver Dollar Racing

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 05-16
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Silver Dollar Racing
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Restoring Ecosystem Health and Fire Resiliency in Mesic Mixed Conifer and Spruce
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	63.36

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. Two new full-time jobs will be created as a result of this project.
2. Silver Dollar will utilize 100 percent of the material removed from this project so there is no need to adjust their production to meet variable demand.
3. Becoming vertically integrated will allow the proponent to maintain a consistent stream of raw materials for their growing production company.
4. Production of erosion wattles is a strength of the proposal because it expands the market for value-added small diameter timber (SDT) products and reduces waste. The applicant has expanded production by approximately 150 percent in the past 5 years.
5. The proponent has an excellent track record of performance on prior CFRP grants.
6. The inclusion and evaluation of experimental elk exclosures for aspen regeneration is an innovative and worthwhile component of this proposal that promotes long-term sustainability.
7. The proponents are well-versed in modern riparian restoration methods as evidenced by their attendance at workshops by Bill Zeedyke and Steve Carson.
8. The proponent has effectively and holistically targeted and addressed the objectives of the CFRP program.
9. The proposal includes letters of support from grazing permittees and adjacent landowners.
10. The proposal includes a long list of very recent and strong references.
11. Proponents have demonstrated effective coordination of ecological and socioeconomic baseline and post-treatment monitoring.
12. The proposal includes a clear plan for the treatment of slash.
13. Silver Dollar's main product, wattles, help government emergency management agencies respond more quickly to emergency mitigation efforts and requirements.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal lacks an economic comparison of lease versus purchase.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened with letters of commitment from potential clients.
2. Since the proponents are expanding their business operations to include on the ground implementation, the proposal would be strengthened with the inclusion of a business plan describing how this change in business model would affect their future operations.

CFRP 06-16: Forest Guild

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 06-16
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Forest Guild
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Implementation at Cerro del Aire: Preparing the multi-jurisdictional landscape for fire.
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	58.96

Administrative Notes:

- The Tres Piedras Ranger District is listed as a partner but the proposal did not include a letter of support from them. A letter from them was, however, received as Public Comment during the Panel meeting.

Strengths:

1. The proposal includes peer-learning workshops to promote fire-adapted communities, a core component of the national cohesive strategy.
2. This application includes a strong educational component. The proponent anticipates that 40 to 60 individuals will participate in their educational events.
3. The focus on creating jobs in restoration work broadens the job opportunities for trainees beyond conventional wood cutting.
4. The project will support an estimated 4 to 6 full-time restoration jobs over 3 years.

5. The proponent plans to conduct outreach for 2 to 3 Fire-Adapted Community workshops and be a liaison to Chris Cote, the Taos County Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Coordinator.
6. The project includes diverse and applicable ecosystem/socioeconomic principles.
7. The applicant's plan to thin areas under powerlines and to create defensible space is unique and could provide great benefit if a wildfire occurs.
8. This proposal is particularly well-cited.
9. The proponent followed up on the letter to tribal organizations with a phone call to reach out for the tribes' input.
10. A burn plan will be developed as a result of this proposal.
11. The inclusion of three different thinning contractors will allow this proponent as well as future CFRP applicants to choose the correct thinning contractor for the job.
12. This proposal includes a clear plan for the treatment of slash.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal lacks a letter of support or indication of engagement from the powerline owner.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened by additional letters of support from local conservation groups.

CFRP 07-16: WildEarth Guardians

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 07-16
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	WildEarth Guardians
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Southwest Jemez Mountains CFLRP Watershed Restoration Implementation
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 359,994
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 89,992
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 449,986
EVALUATION SCORE:	60.40

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. This proposal includes a wide range of restoration activities: thinning; road decommissioning; riparian area restoration; and building in-stream structures.

2. The proposal includes a strong educational component, and 35 to 40 volunteers will be involved in the project annually.
3. The monitoring plan is very thorough and includes qualitative socioeconomic data.
4. The project leverages private funds through the Rio Grande Water Fund.
5. Identifying and removing meadow-encroaching trees is a strength.
6. The proposed riparian and aquatic habitat restoration benefits wildlife and wildlife habitat.
7. The use of Stream Dynamics is a strength based on their demonstrated expertise in the area.
8. This project addresses a major ecological need.
9. This proposal includes a clear plan for the treatment of slash.

Weaknesses: None.

Recommendations:

1. The proponent should consider the pros and cons of using non-pressure-treated posts in fence construction. This will allow for a more direct source-to-use application of wood removed from the project area, and it would probably increase the sustainability and decrease the cost of the project.

Sarah Kuykendall left the room at the lunch break.

CFRP 08-16: Gurule & Son

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 08-16 Rev.
CATEGORY:	Implementation
ORGANIZATION:	Gurule & Son
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Restoration and Educational Opportunities in the Agua Caballos
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	54.84

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The proposal includes many letters of support from local community members and organizations.
2. Community and grazing associations are included in the large and diverse group of partners.
3. The grazing permittee's commitment to keep his cattle off of the project during a resting period is a strength.

4. The proposal has support from the Carson Forest Watch, a local environmental group that is often highly critical of vegetation treatments.
5. The proposal is strengthened by including the Kit Carson Electrical Cooperative as a project partner and by taking potential powerline issues into consideration.
6. The science program for K-12 students in the classroom and in the woods is a strength.
7. The project will improve wildlife habitat (Northern goshawk and Albert's squirrels) and conduct pre-treatment surveys for threatened species (Mexican Spotted Owl).
8. The proposal states that the proponent will move the forest stands from Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) 3 to FRCC 2.

Weaknesses:

1. The Mesa Vista School District removed their letter of support, indicating that they are not in support of this proposal. It is unclear who will take over the educational component of the project.
2. The detailed work plan describes three stream crossings with culverts but no mitigation efforts are mentioned to prevent erosion.
3. The proposal lacks an economic comparison of lease versus purchase.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened if the proponent secured a letter of commitment from Mesa Vista or an alternative educational institution.
2. The proposal would be strengthened by including a slash treatment/disposal plan and erosion mitigation measures for the three stream crossings with culverts.

CFRP 09-16: Claunch-Pinto SWC&D

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 09-16
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Claunch-Pinto SWCD (CPSWCD)
FOREST:	Cibola
PROJECT TITLE:	Planning for Watershed & Restoration in the Capilla Peak Area of Manzano Mountains
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 181,020.90
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 46,830.90
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 227,851.80

EVALUATION SCORE: 59.26

Administrative Notes:

- Isleta Pueblo was listed as a project partner but the proposal did not include a letter of support from them. A letter from Isleta Pueblo was submitted as Public Comment during the Panel meeting.

Strengths:

1. This project would build on the long-term partnership of the Estancia Basin Health and Restoration Monitoring Project, which has existed since 2002.
2. The area proposed for NEPA planning is within the CPSWCD Community Wildland Protection Plan and includes a watershed that is the sole source of water for the community.
3. The proposed development of shelf ready projects by completing the NEPA process demonstrates foresight and a commitment to existing private forest industries.
4. Involving youth in the monitoring plan will give students experience using a Personal Field Data Recorder (PDR). The resulting data will be downloaded into the Forest Service Vegetation database.
5. The proposal's youth and community outreach plan includes both classroom and field sessions.
6. The proposal includes a strong letter of endorsement from the land management agency. The letter indicates that the Forest Service intends to implement the projects cleared through the NEPA process and lists the Forest Service staff that will contribute to the planning process and the tasks each of them will perform in support of the project.

Weaknesses: None

Recommendations:

7. The \$750 under equipment for vehicles in the budget should be moved to transportation or supplies.

CFRP 10-16: Claunch-Pinto SWC&D

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 10-16
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Claunch-Pinto SWC&D
FOREST:	Cibola
PROJECT TITLE:	Restoration Planning for Wildfire & Source Water Protection for the Village of Corona Gallinas Mountains
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 343,514.99
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 47,470.20
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 431,365.19
EVALUATION SCORE:	58.45

Administrative Notes:

- Appendix exceeds 50 pages.

Strengths:

1. The acres proposed for NEPA planning are within CPSWCD Community Wildland Protection Plan, and they include a watershed that is the sole source of water for the community.
2. The Youth involvement described in the monitoring plan will give students experience using a Personal Field Data Recorder (PDR) that will result in data being downloaded into the Forest Service Vegetation database.
3. The youth and community outreach plan includes both classroom and field sessions.
4. This proposal builds on the long-term partnership of the Estancia Basin Health and Restoration Monitoring Project, which has existed since 2002.
5. The proposal includes a strong letter of endorsement from the land management agency. The letter indicates that the Forest Service intends to implement the projects cleared through the NEPA process and lists the Forest Service staff that will contribute to the planning process and the tasks each of them will perform in support of the project.

Weaknesses:

1. The appendix exceeds the 50 page maximum.

Recommendations:

1. The \$750 under equipment for vehicles in the budget should be moved to transportation or supplies.
2. The proposal would be strengthened by including letters of support from grazing permittees.

At 3:08pm, Shiloh Old left the room during the proposal review.

At 12:11pm, Shiloh Old left the room for the consistency check.

CFRP 11-16: Rachel Wood Consulting

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 11-16 Rev.
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Rachel Wood Consulting
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 320,756

MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 80,189
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 400,945
EVALUATION SCORE:	51.44

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. The monitoring plan is comprehensive and includes both quantitative and qualitative data.
2. The proposed project could add value to a number of secondary forest products such as firewood, animal bedding, pellets, chips, flooring, erosion control blankets, furniture and lumber.
3. Properly leveraged, the proposed project could benefit forest restoration economics on public lands and benefit rural community economic viability by increasing the value of SDT.

Weaknesses: None

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened if it included data from the Colorado market indicating that the Green label has resulted in more sales or more effective forest treatments.
2. The proposal would be strengthened if it included a table of incremental costs added to products.
3. Explore the implications of the work being funded through a federal grant regarding trademark ownership.
4. Explore other SBIR (Small Business Innovation and Research) federal grant programs.
5. The proposal would be strengthened if the scope of the study and certification process was limited to forest restoration treatments.

At 4:21 pm on 8/9/16, Shiloh Old re-entered the room during the proposal review.

At 12:18 pm on 8/10/16, Shiloh Old re-entered the room for the consistency check.

CFRP 12-16: Adelante RC&D

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 12-16 Rev
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Adelante RC&D
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Capulin/Walker Flats NEPA Planning Project
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	56.53

Administrative Notes:

- The proposal did not include letters to Sandia Pueblo, the All Indian Pueblo Council, or Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council. Letters to these entities were submitted as public comments during the Panel meeting.
- The proposal did not include a list of citation references.

Strengths:

1. This proposal takes into consideration nearly 77,000 acres within the Mora Watershed and identifies the project area as a strategic starting point for future implementation work.
2. The project would include a large number of collaborators.
3. The monitoring plan establishes baselines and plots that will be revisited periodically. Follow-up monitoring of previous CFRP treatments will also be conducted.
4. This project would build on and leverage past CFRP projects in the area.
5. This proposal has a strong educational component, which includes 25 students from Mora and 6 students from Wagon Mound.

Weaknesses:

1. The proposal did not include a list of references.

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened if the letter from Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District indicated that they would prioritize the implementation of projects under the proposed NEPA decision.

CFRP 13-16: Cimarron Watershed Alliance

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 13-16 Rev.
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	Cimarron Watershed Alliance
FOREST:	Carson
PROJECT TITLE:	Collaborative Restoration of Frequent Fire Ecosystems in the Ponil Creek Watershed
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 245,627.48
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 61,407
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 307,034.48
EVALUATION SCORE:	63.95

Administrative Notes: None

Strengths:

1. This proposal has a very strong list of project partners.
2. This proposal builds upon and leverages past restoration work in the area.
3. This project considers the entire Ponil Creek watershed, which is an important watershed for the restoration of native Rio Grande cutthroat trout.
4. The proposal has a science-based monitoring plan that exhibits statistical rigor.
5. The proponent would use adaptive management in considering restoration alternatives.
6. The proposed educational outreach program is exceptional as it would include 3,000 youths and adults from around the world.
7. The proponent addressed the prior Panel's recommendations exceptionally well.
8. This applicant did a good job of leveraging private funds and assets in order to implement project planning on a landscape scale.
9. The proposal includes strong letters of support from adjacent landowners.
10. The proposed project may improve wildlife habitat and increase hunting opportunities, thereby potentially increasing economic benefits to the area.
11. The proposal includes a strong letter of endorsement from the land management agency that demonstrates a commitment to implement the proposed activities. The letter includes a list of specific tasks the agency will accomplish.

Weaknesses: None

Recommendations: None

CFRP 14-16: City of Santa Fe

PROJECT NUMBER:	CFRP 14-16
CATEGORY:	Planning
ORGANIZATION:	City of Santa Fe
FOREST:	Santa Fe
PROJECT TITLE:	Planning for Wildfire and Water Source Protection in Santa Fe Landscape
FUNDING REQUESTED:	\$ 360,000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$ 90,000
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$ 450,000
EVALUATION SCORE:	46.52

Administrative Notes:

- No tribal letters were sent to the All Indian Pueblo Council or the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council. However, the letters were submitted as public comments.
- No references were included in the original proposal. However, a list of citation references were submitted as a public comment.

Strengths:

1. The proposed project acres are in a high-risk area in a watershed that is an important source of water for the community.

Weaknesses: None

Recommendations:

1. The proposal would be strengthened if it included more information (attendance, dates, etc.) on the meetings held in La Cueva referenced on page 8 of the proposal.
2. The proposal would be strengthened by including a discussion of how thinned materials might be utilized by local communities, as well as an indication that the proponents consulted with local forest industries on the viability of utilizing SDT that will result from the project.
3. The proposal would be strengthened by including specific criteria and methodologies that would be used for the landscape-scale assessment and the selection of specific plots for more detailed analysis.

The Panel Recommended the Following Projects for Funding

Scores for 2016 CFRP Applications

Proposal #, Category*	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 13-16	Carson	Collaborative Restoration of Frequent Fire Ecosystems in the Ponil Creek Watershed	Cimarron Watershed Alliance	\$ 245,627.48	63.95
CFRP 09-16	Cibola	Planning for Watershed & Restoration in the Capilla Peak Area of Manzano Mountains	Claunch-Pinto SWC&D	\$181,021	59.26
CFRP 10-16	Cibola	Restoration Planning for Wildfire & Source Water Protection for the Village of Corona Gallinas Mountains	Claunch-Pinto SWC&D	\$343,515	58.45
CFRP 12-16	Santa Fe	Capulin/Walker Flats NEPA Planning Project	Adelante RC&D	\$360,000	56.53
CFRP 05-16	Carson	Restoring Ecosystem Health and Fire Resiliency in Mesic Mixed Conifer and Spruce	Silver Dollar Racing	\$360,000	63.36
CFRP 07-16	Santa Fe	Southwest Jemez Mountains CFLRP Watershed Restoration Implementation	WildEarth Guardians	\$359,994	60.40
CFRP 06-16	Carson	Implementation at Cerro del Aire: Preparing the multi-jurisdictional landscape for fire.	Forest Guild	\$360,000	58.96

Proposal #, Category*	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 08-16	Carson	Restoration and Educational Opportunities in the Agua Caballos	Gurule & Son	\$360,000	54.84
CFRP 02-16	Cibola	Improving the Utilization of Small Diameter Trees with Transportation Capacity in Central New Mexico	Restoration Solutions, LLC	\$360,000	54.54
CFRP 01-16	Santa Fe	Infrastructure of Utilization for Forest Rehabilitation	Padilla Logging Restoration LLC	\$360,000	54.38

The total amount for these projects will be 3,290,157. Whatever funding shortfall exists will be subtracted from CFRP 12-16 Adelante RC&D.

Should more funding become available the Panel recommends the following projects in order of preference: 11-16 Rachel Wood LLC; 03-16 Conley's Lumber; and 14-16 City of Santa Fe.

Panel Process Review Discussion

What worked well this year?

- Great facilitator
- Consensus process worked well, smooth
- Respect and appreciation for different opinions and expertise
- Having a chairperson assist new panel members with clarification on how panel has functioned in the past, flexibility for this year's panel and how they worked through the process.
- Chairman did an excellent job – diplomatic, patient, respectful, knowledgeable, and experienced.
- Super support of the staff and excellent attendance of proponents presenting proposals
- The panel was very involved and active in the discussions.
- Been proven that it is a very fair and transparent process again.
- Consistency check worked well.
- The willingness of the panel members to explain their reasoning for their opinions was educational for panel members and attendees.
- Scoring proposals which contained administrative errors avoids rejecting good proposals for trivial reasons, which makes the entire process fairer.
- The addition of Criterion #14 was beneficial in assessing the seriousness of administrative weaknesses.
- The venue was comfortable and convenient.

What could be done better?

- The panel needed more time to review proposals before the meeting and know further in advance when the meeting would be scheduled.
- Limit unsolicited input from the proponents during proposal review. Be more diligent in limiting the input from applicants unless they are responding to questions of clarification.
- More public dissemination to the public via social media, mailing list (electronic).
- Invite staffers from federal delegation to attend the panel review, workshop.
- Update the CFRP website consistently.

Recommendations for 2017 CFRP Annual Workshop

- Send out the workshop notice to panel members.
- Go over more of the RFA at the workshop.
- Allow time for sharing ideas in small groups (as in 2015 workshop).

Recommendations for 2017 CFRP RFA

- The applicant should address how the proposed project would address changes in Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC), i.e use NM Statewide Assessment information.
- Proponents in their proposals should address the list of criteria for evaluation of effect on long-term management.

Glossary

BA	Biological Assessment
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CCC	Chimayo Conservation Corps
CFLRP	Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project
CFRP	Collaborative Forest Restoration Program
CRS	Cultural Resource Surveys
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESA	Endangered Species Act
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
MSO	Mexican Spotted Owl
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMEP	New Mexico Environment Program
NMFWRI	New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
NMSF	New Mexico State Forestry
NMWF	New Mexico Wildlife Federation
NPS	National Park Service
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
NWTF	National Wild Turkey Federation
PAC	Protected Area Center
Panel	The CFRP Technical Advisory Panel
NMSLO	New Mexico State Land Office
RMYC	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
SFCC	Santa Fe Community College
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
VFSYC	Vallecitos Federal Sustained Yield Unit
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface
YCC	Youth Conservation Corps

APPENDIX A

2016 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Grant Applications – Planning Scores

	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 09-16 (P)	Cibola	Planning for Watershed & Restoration in the Capilla Peak Area of Manzano Mountains	Claunch-Pinto SWC&D	\$181,021	59.26
CFRP 10-16 (P)	Cibola	Restoration Planning for Wildfire & Source Water Protection for the Village of Corona Gallinas Mountains	Claunch-Pinto SWC&D	\$343,515	58.45
CFRP 11-16 (P)	Santa Fe	Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody	Rachel Wood Consulting	\$320,756	51.44
CFRP 12-16 (P)	Santa Fe	Capulin/Walker Flats NEPA Planning Project	Adelante RC&D	\$360,000	56.53
CFRP 13-16 (P)	Carson	Collaborative Restoration of Frequent Fire Ecosystems in the Ponil Creek Watershed	Cimarron Watershed Alliance	\$245,627	63.95
CFRP 14-16 (P)	Santa Fe	Planning for Wildfire and Water Source Protection in Santa Fe Landscape	City of Santa Fe	\$360,000	46.52

2016 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Grant Applications – Utilization Scores

Proposal #, Category*	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 01-16 (U)	Santa Fe	Infrastructure of Utilization for Forest Rehabilitation	Padilla Logging Restoration LLC	\$360,000	54.38
CFRP 02-16 (U)	Cibola	Improving the Utilization of Small Diameter Trees with Transportation Capacity in Central New Mexico	Restoration Solutions, LLC	\$360,000	54.54
CFRP 03-16 (U)	Santa Fe	Complimenting Firewood Communities	Conley's Lumber Mill, LLC	\$360,000	51.26

2016 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Grant Applications – Implementation Scores

Proposal #, Category*	Forest	Project Title	Lead Organization	Federal Request	Final Score
CFRP 04-16 Rev. (I)	Carson	Promoting Training and Career Development for Young Adults and Veterans in Watershed and Forest Restoration	Chimayo Conservation Corp	\$214,120	43.83
CFRP 05-16 (I)	Carson	Restoring Ecosystem Health and Fire Resiliency in Mesic Mixed Conifer and Spruce	Silver Dollar Racing	\$360,000	63.36
CFRP 06-16 (I)	Carson	Implementation at Cerro del Aire: Preparing the multi-jurisdictional landscape for fire.	Forest Guild	\$360,000	58.96
CFRP 07-16 (I)	Santa Fe	Southwest Jemez Mountains CFLRP Watershed Restoration Implementation	WildEarth Guardians	\$359,994	60.40
CFRP 08-16 Rev. (I)	Carson	Restoration and Educational Opportunities in the Agua Caballos	Gurule & Son	\$360,000	54.84

APPENDIX B

Recommended Project Proposals

PLANNING

1) Collaborative Restoration of Frequent Fire Ecosystems in the Ponil Creek Watershed

Lead Organization: Cimarron Watershed Alliance (CWA)

Federal Request \$ 245,627

Abstract: The Cimarron Watershed Alliance will complete a forest stand exam and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis of 64,528 acres in the Ponil Creek Watershed, Colfax County, New Mexico. The planning area includes all of the public land in this multijurisdictional watershed, which covers the eastern half of the Valle Vidal Unit of Carson National Forest and the entire Elliott Barker Wildlife Area (EBWA). The stand exam and NEPA analysis will remove the major barriers to the restoration of this landscape. Nine young adults working for Philmont Scout Ranch will receive professional training in forest measurements and monitoring. The project partners will also provide forest restoration education to more than 3,000 visitors to Philmont, the Valle Vidal, and the EBWA. This project will protect and leverage existing investments made throughout the watershed and region by the CWA, public land managers, neighboring private landholders, local educators, conservation groups, and the forest product industry.

Partners: Carson National Forest, Questa Ranger District, NM Department of Game & Fish, Cimarron Watershed Alliance, Habitat Management, Inc., Philmont Scout Ranch, NM Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute, Colfax Soil & Water Conservation District, NM State Forestry Division, Silver Dollar Racing & Shavings, Valle Vidal Grazing Association, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Trout Unlimited, Vermejo Park Ranch, CS Ranch, Chase Ranch Foundation, Kimberlin Ponil Ranch, Colfax County Commissioners, Village of Cimarron, and the Town of Springer.

2) Planning for Watershed & Restoration in the Capilla Peak Area of Manzano Mountains

Lead Organization: Claunch-Pinto Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Federal Request \$ 181,022

Abstract: The Claunch-Pinto SWCD, in partnership with the Cibola National Forest Mountainair Ranger District, will complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning for forest restoration treatments on 4,385 acres of the Carson National Forest near the Town of Manzano, NM. The ponderosa pine forests and mixed conifer, pinyon-juniper, and oak woodlands in the area are overstocked, averaging over 2,000 trees/acre. Completing the NEPA process will allow forest restoration treatments to move forward that will reduce the risk of high intensity wildfires in this high priority landscape. The project will include an education and outreach program with Mountainair High School on the principals of forest and watershed health, restoration and monitoring.

Partners: Cibola National Forest Mountainair Ranger District, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Mountainair High School, Isleta Pueblo, Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District, Romero Firewood, LLC, Resource Solutions, LLC, NM Department of Game and Fish, NM Forest Industries Association, and the NM Collation of Conservation Districts.

3) Restoration Planning for Wildfire & Source Water Protection for the Village of Corona, Gallinas Mountains

Lead Organization: Claunch-Pinto SWCD

Federal Request \$343,514.99

Abstract: The Claunch-Pinto SWCD, in partnership with the Cibola National Forest Mountainair Ranger District, will complete NEPA planning for forest restoration treatments on 4,482 acres of Forest Service Land in the Gallinas Mountains near the Village of Corona. This will allow for the implementation of forest restoration treatments within the few remaining unburned forested watersheds in the Gallinas Mountains. Project partners will work with local youth from Corona Schools (CS) in both classroom and field exercises on ecological monitoring and the principles of forest restoration. The multiparty monitoring team includes members from local community organizations, representatives from adjacent land management agencies, and industry partners.

Partners: Village of Corona, Corona School District, Cibola National Forest, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Restoration Solutions, LLC, New Mexico Forest Industries Association, Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District, and the New Mexico Collation of Conservation Districts.

4) Capulin/Walker Flats NEPA Planning Project

Lead Organization: Adelante Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D)

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Adelante RC&D will conduct a landscape assessment on 21,628 acres and NEPA planning on 5,100 acres of the Santa Fe National Forest in Mora County, NM. A Collaborative Resource Management Plan (CRMP) developed by Adelante RC&D, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the Forest Service, NM State Forestry and other partners identified the area as a priority for restoration. The CRMP also identified strategic private lands in the watershed that will be targeted for treatment through NRCS and NM State Forestry programs to complement this landscape restoration effort.

Partners: Santa Fe National Forest, NM State Forestry, NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute, Western Mora SWCD, Mora-Wagon Mound SWCD, Mora Independent Schools, Griegos Logging LLC, Northridge Forest Products, Forest Stewards Guild, NRCS, Wagon Mound Public Schools, Mora Rough Riders 4H, NM Wilderness Alliance, and Rio de la Casa Livestock Association.

IMPLEMENTATION

5) Restoring Ecosystem Health and Fire Resiliency in Mesic Mixed Conifer and Spruce

Lead Organization: Silver Dollar Racing & Shavings

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Silver Dollar Racing & Shavings will conduct mechanical forest restoration treatments on 565 acres of State Trust land near Black Lake, NM. The project will occur in close proximity to other CFRP projects resulting in benefits at a landscape-scale. The area is a high priority watershed within the Canadian River groundwater basin. The applicant will lease a harvester-processor, forwarder, skidder, and dozer to increase the number of acres treated. The project will restore ecosystem health, reduce the risk of large, high-intensity wildfires, and provide educational opportunities to local youth. A Forest Stewards Guild Youth Conservation Corps crew and Cimarron Municipal Schools will participate in project monitoring.

Partners: Forest Stewards Guild, Southwest Resource Associates, NM State Land Office, and Cimarron Municipal Schools.

6) Southwest Jemez Mountains CFLRP Watershed Restoration Implementation

Lead Organization: WildEarth Guardians

Federal Request \$359,994

Abstract: WildEarth Guardians and their project partners will decommission 15.05 miles of roads, undertake 4 miles of riparian vegetation restoration and instream structure work, and restore 200 acres of meadow by removing small trees on the Santa Fe National Forest. They will also conduct forest thinning along decommissioned roads to prevent crown fires from spreading and provide defensible space for firefighters. Wood from the thinning activities will be processed as posts and utilized for fencing to protect plantings along San Antonio creek. The project will include education and outreach to Jemez Pueblo youth in watershed restoration methods and revegetation survey and monitoring procedures. Approximately 16 jobs will be created or sustained and 35-40 volunteers will be involved annually.

Partners: Santa Fe National Forest, Trout Unlimited New Mexico Council, Jemez Pueblo, the Forest Stewards Guild, Walatowa Timber Industries, and Stream Dynamics Inc.

7) Implementation at Cerro del Aire: Preparing the multi-jurisdictional landscape for fire.

Lead Organization: Forest Stewards Guild

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: The Forest Stewards Guild and their partners will implement mechanical treatments on 250 – 300 acres of pinon-juniper, ponderosa pine, and mixed conifer forests in the Cerro del Aire landscape of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument to mitigate the effects of high-intensity wildfire, drought, and climate change. The treatments will occur on land managed by the BLM and the NM State Land Office. Forest thinning will be done in a powerline corridor where current fuel loading prohibits the use of prescribed fire. The treatments will generate 750-850 cords of firewood. The project will support 4-6 full-time restoration jobs over three years.

The Guild will host an ecological monitoring training for partners and the public and convene 2-3 Fire Adapted Communities Peer Learning Exchange workshops. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and Taos Envirothon will engage 10-20 youth to collect and analyze monitoring data.

Partners: NM State Land Office, BLM Taos Field Office, Carson National Forest Tres Piedras Ranger District, Caro's General Works, All Trees Firewood, LLC, Reineke Construction, Ecotone Consulting, Taos County Envirothon, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Taos County WUI Specialist, Chama District of NM State Forestry, Grazing Lessee Robert Schofield, CM ArborCare, Taos Soil and Water Conservation District, Northern Pueblos Agency, and NM Wildways.

8) Restoration and Educational Opportunities in the Agua Caballos

Lead Organization: Gurule & Son

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Joe Gurule and Son (JGS) will conduct forest restoration treatments on 438 acres of NEPA approved forest in the Agua/Caballos Analysis Area of the Vallecitos Federal Sustained Yield Unit of the Carson National Forest El Rito District in Rio Arriba County, NM. The project will reduce the threat of wildfire in a watershed that provides drinking water to Ojo Caliente, Vallecitos, and other villages in the East Rio Arriba County Wildland Urban Interface. Treatments will be implemented on 423 acres and aspen regeneration will be implemented on 15 acres. A used flatbed dump truck will be purchased or leased to haul small diameter trees from the site to increase efficiency and reduce labor costs. The Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education will sponsor an inquiry-based science program for Mesa Vista School District students on forestry and ecological monitoring.

Partners: Carson National Forest, NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute, Jaramillo & Sons Forest Products, Alfonso Chacon & Sons, Leonel M. Chacon Wood Products, Jarita Mesa Cattleman Assoc., Alamosa and Escondido Livestock Assoc., La Asociacion de Rio Vallecitos, Rio Tusas Y Rio Ojo Caliente, Acequia de los Gallegos, Acequia de Chacon y Asociados, Rocky Mountain Ecology, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Forest Guild, Northern NM Stockman's Assoc., Spring Creek Cattleman's Assoc., Carson Forest Watch, NMSU College of Agriculture, Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation, and NM State Forestry Division.

UTILIZATION OF SMALL DIAMETER TREES

9) Improving the Utilization of Small Diameter Trees with Transportation Capacity in Central New Mexico

Lead Organization: Restoration Solutions, LLC

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Restoration Solutions, LLC (RS) will lease equipment to improve the transportation capacity, efficiency, and safety of removing small diameter trees from forest restoration treatments. The equipment includes a log loader, a loader with log grapples, a log truck/trailer, a stinger-steer chip trailer, and a road grader. The equipment will allow RS to increase the availability of raw wood to end-users in central New Mexico, reduce the backlog of wood to be removed from restoration projects in the East Mountain area of the Cibola National Forest, and repair/maintain degraded forest

roads in the treatment area. The road repair and maintenance will facilitate the removal of wood from restoration projects and reduce erosion. RS will train employees in the use of the new equipment and hire new employees to meet the demands of the additional capacity.

Partners: Cibola National Forest, NM Forest Industry Association, The Nature Conservancy, Soilutions, and Romero Firewood.

10) Infrastructure of Utilization for Forest Rehabilitation

Lead Organization: Padilla Logging Restoration LLC

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Padilla Logging Restoration (PLR) will acquire equipment to restore landscape scale areas on the Santa Fe National Forest and Santa Clara Canyon. PLR will lease to own a harvester processor, fire wood processor, roll-off semi and roll-off box containers that will increase the efficiency of conducting forest restoration treatments. The equipment is expected to reduce the cost of restoration treatments in the area from \$1,200 to \$400 per acre and increase production from 100 to over 600 acres annually. An estimated 2,500,000 MBF or 5,000CCFs will be processed and/or utilized annually. Five full time and two part time employees will be required to operate equipment. Project partners will host an outdoor youth education and outreach program on watershed restoration with a Youth Conservation Corps and a Northern Youth Project team.

Partners: Santa Fe National Forest Coyote Ranger District, Santa Clara Pueblo, Padilla Logging Restoration, San Joaquin Del Rio de Chama Land Grant, Northern Youth Project, Sierra Club, Forest Guild/YCC, New Mexico Forest Industries Assoc., NM Community College, NM State Forestry, Help New Mexico and Espanola Public School.

Recommended Projects Should Additional Funding Become Available

11) Project Title: Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody

Lead Organization: Rachel Wood Consulting

Federal Request \$320,756

Abstract: Rachel Wood Consulting in collaboration with Dovetail Partners Inc., Forest Stewards Guild, Arid Land Innovation, Old Wood LLC and other project partners will conduct studies to establish a “green” branding program to increase the value and volume of small diameter trees. The project will conduct a crosswalk study comparing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance process and the new Forest Planning rule process with Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification systems. The study will provide the foundation for a new forest verification system where “green” and sustainably managed claims can be made for the wood products originating from Forest Service lands. A market analysis of New Mexico’s available wood supply will be done and “green” markets and building programs will be identified. A business strategy will define how the program will be operated and sustained over the long term.

Partners: Dovetail Partners Inc., Old Wood LLC, Forest Stewards Guild, Arid Land Innovation, National Wild Turkey Federation, UpSpring Assoc., Santa Fe National Forest, Cibola National Forest, The Nature Conservancy, NM Forest Industry Assoc., Pueblo of Jemez, Alamo Navajo School Board, Mt. Taylor Manufacturing, Terry Conley Co., Roger Tucker Inc., Silver Dollar Racing and Shavings, Keller

Logging, Santa Fe Area Home Builders Assoc., NM State Forestry Division, AZ State University, and CO State Forest Service.

12) Complimenting Firewood Communities

Lead Organization: Conley's Lumber Mill, LLC

Federal Request \$360,000

Abstract: Conley's Lumber Mill, LLC will increase the utilization of small diameter trees in northern New Mexico by purchasing machinery that will expand the capacity of two existing wood yards and create a low-cost firewood program for communities which depend on firewood for home heating. The firewood cutting byproducts will be processed into material for animal bedding and playground surfacing. Two firewood processors, a front wheel loader, a fork lift, and two conveyors will be purchased. Small diameter trees from Santa Clara Pueblo's hazardous fuel reduction project will be processed. The equipment will increase the capacity and value of small diameter wood products thereby making restoration treatments more cost effective for land managers allowing them to treat additional acreage. This project includes educational outreach opportunities for over 80 youth and employees at Santa Clara Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Nambe Pueblo and the Truchas and Cordova Land Grants. Seven jobs will be supplemented with this project and over a thousand truckloads of small diameter material will be processed as firewood and wood chip materials.

Partners: Santa Fe National Forest, DTT Enterprises Inc., Santa Clara Pueblo, BIA Santa Clara Day School, Santa Clara Youth Programs, Sustainable Ecosystems LLC, NM Forest Industry Assoc., Bureau of Indian Affairs Northern Pueblos Agency, TC Company, Rodger Tucker Inc., Ohkey Owingeh OEA, San Ildefonso Realty Dept., Truchas Land Grant, Cordova Land Grant, Nambe Pueblo Natural Resources, TB Ventures LLC, Walatowa Timber Industries, and Bode's Convenience Store.

13) Planning for Wildfire and Water Source Protection in Santa Fe Landscape

Lead Organization: City of Santa Fe

Federal Request \$ 360,000

Abstract: The City of Santa Fe Fire Department will conduct a landscape scale assessment on 107,000 acres across multiple jurisdictions in the Greater Santa Fe Fireshed, complete biological and cultural surveys on 5,000 priority acres, and complete NEPA planning and analysis on 2,500 acres of the Santa Fe National Forest Espanola and Pecos/LasVegas Ranger Districts. This landscape is at high risk for a high-intensity wildfire and post-wildfire flooding. The landscape assessment area includes Pueblo of Tesuque, Santa Fe County, and State managed land in an area north and south of the Santa Fe Municipal Watershed.

Partners: Santa Fe National Forest; Pueblo of Tesuque; Forest Stewards Guild; The Nature Conservancy; City of Santa Fe Fire Department; Soil and Water Conservation District; the USGS Jemez Mountains Field Station; Pueblo of Tesuque, Sustainable Ecosystems LLC, Okun Consulting Solutions, and the NM Coalition of Conservation Districts.

APPENDIX C

Bylaws

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel

August 8, 2016

Section I: Purpose:

The purpose of the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel (Panel) is to evaluate proposals for forest restoration grants and provide recommendations on funding. Recommendations will be presented to the Southwest Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service.

Section II: Authority:

The Secretary of Agriculture established the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel as a Federal Advisory Committee on July 12, 2001 pursuant to Section 606 of the Community Forest Restoration Act of 2000 (Pub. L. No. 106-393) (the Act), which directs the Secretary to convene a technical advisory panel to evaluate proposals that will receive funding through the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program. The Panel is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (GISA).

Section III: Membership Selection and Appointment:

The Secretary of Agriculture, or his delegate acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, will appoint Panel members. The 12-16 member panel, as outlined in Section 606 of the Act, includes: a State Natural Resources official from the State of New Mexico; At least two representatives from Federal land management agencies; at least one tribal or pueblo representative; at least two independent scientists with experience in forest ecosystem restoration; and equal representation from: conservation interests; local communities; and commodity interests.

Members of the Panel shall be appointed for terms of 2 or 3 years, but may be reappointed. A vacancy on the Panel will be filled from the list of applicants who responded to the original solicitation for applications. A list of qualified applicants who passed the required background clearance check will be kept on file for this purpose. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his/her predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. A replacement shall fill the vacancy as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs.

At the end of each 2-year or 3-year term, the Secretary of Agriculture will solicit applications for new membership on the panel. Notices will be sent to tribal, county and local governments, conservation

organizations, and appropriate Colleges and Universities. A notice describing the purpose of the Panel and the application procedure will be published in local newspapers and a news release will be sent to television stations, radio stations, and their local translators in New Mexico soliciting nominations for Panel membership. Letters will also be mailed to individuals who have expressed an interest in the program or are involved in the forest restoration issue in New Mexico. Information on the Act and how to submit an application for membership on the Panel will also be posted on the Forest Service Southwest Regional Internet Website at: www.fs.fed.us/r3/spf/community

The Secretary of Agriculture, in selecting Panel members, shall seek to ensure the membership of the Panel is balanced and represents and includes a broad range of diverse views and interests. Additional criteria for selection will include but not be limited to: long-time familiarity with forest management issues in New Mexico; past experience working with the government planning process; knowledge and understanding of the various cultures and communities in New Mexico; ability to actively participate in diverse team settings; demonstrated skill in working toward mutually beneficial solutions to complex issues; respect and credibility in local communities; and commitment to attending panel meetings.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint a Designated Federal Official (DFO) under sections 10 (e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., who shall also serve as the Chairman of the Panel.

Section IV: Meeting Procedures:

The Panel will provide an environment where interest groups that have a stake in forest management issues can work towards agreement on how forest restoration should occur on public land in New Mexico with the grant proposals as the focus of the discussion.

The panel makes recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on which grant proposals best meet the objectives of the Act. The Panel will meet as often as is necessary to complete its business. The DFO (or a designated substitute) will convene Panel meetings. A majority of the Panel members must be present to constitute an official meeting of the Panel.

A. Agenda: The DFO/Chairman will approve the proposed agenda for each meeting and distributed it to Panel members prior to each meeting. An outline of the agenda will be published with a notice of the meeting in the Federal Register at least 15 days prior to the meeting. CFRP project proposals will be distributed to panel members for review at least six weeks prior to the panel meeting. Any member of the Panel may submit additional agenda items to the DFO prior to the meeting if they are related to proposal evaluation. Members of the public may submit items for consideration that are related to proposal evaluation by sending them to the DFO prior to the meeting.

B. Minutes and Records: The DFO will prepare minutes of each meeting and distribute copies to each Panel member. The minutes will include: a record of the persons present (including the names of panel members, names of staff, and the names of members of the public who made written or oral presentations); a description of the matters discussed and conclusions reached; and copies of all reports received, issued or approved by the Panel. All documents, reports, or other materials prepared by, or for, the Panel constitute official government records and must be maintained according the Government

Services Administration (GSA) policies and procedures. Minutes of open meetings will be available to the public upon request.

C. Open Meetings: The meeting is open to the public. Panel discussion is limited to Panel members and Forest Service staff. Project proponents may respond to questions of clarification from Panel members or Forest Service staff. Persons who wish to bring Collaborative Forest Restoration Program grant application review matters to the attention of the Panel may file written statements with the Panel staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who submitted written statements prior to the public input sessions will have the opportunity to address the Panel at those sessions. Oral comment shall be limited to 3 minutes. All materials brought before or presented to the Panel will be available to the public for review or copying at the time of the scheduled meeting.

The Panel will not consider new information that was required by the RFA if it constitutes a substantial change to the original proposal. The Panel may consider information provided in response to a request for clarification or if it is a factual correction.

Section V: Role of Panel Members:

A. Designated Federal Official (DFO) or his delegate: The DFO will establish priorities, identify issues that must be addressed, and assure compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Community Forest Restoration Act. The DFO also serves as the government's agent for all matters related to the panel's activities. By Law, the DFO must: (1) approve or call the meeting of the Panel; (2) approve agendas; (3) attend all meetings; (4) adjourn the meetings when such adjournment is in the public interest; and (5) chair meetings when directed by the Regional Forester or his/her designee. The DFO is responsible for determining the level and types of staff and financial support required and providing adequate staff support to the Panel, including the performance of the following functions: (a) Notifying members of the time and place for each meeting; (b) ensuring that adequate facilities are provided for meetings; (c) ensuring detailed minutes are taken at the meeting and maintaining records of all meetings, including subgroup or working group activities, as required by Law; (d) maintaining the roll including subgroup and working group activities; (e) attending to official correspondence; (f) maintaining official Panel records and filing all papers and submissions prepared for or by the Panel, including those items generated by subgroups and working groups; (g) acting as the Panel's agent to collect, validate and pay all vouchers for pre-approved expenditures; and (h) preparing and handling all reports, including the annual report as required under FACA.

B. Chairperson: The Chairperson works with the DFO to establish priorities, identify issues which must be addressed, develop the agenda, determine the level and types of staff and financial support required, and serves as the focal point for the Panel's membership. The Chairman works with the meeting facilitator to assure that each member of the Panel has an opportunity to express their views. In addition, the Chairperson is responsible for certifying the accuracy of the Panel Report and the Meeting Minutes developed by the Panel to document its meetings. The DFO may also serve as the Chairperson.

C. Panel Member: Appointment to the Panel does not make a Panel member an employee of the federal government. The primary responsibility of each Panel member is to review and evaluate each CFRP project proposal to determine which ones best meet the purposes and objectives of the Act. Panel

members shall attend Panel meetings, and participate in related workgroups as determined necessary by the Panel and approved by the DFO. Panel members may contact project proponents to clarify specific aspects of a proposal and seek input from other sources familiar with the technical and social aspects of the intended activity.

If a Panel Member or any member of their immediate family, or organization employing them, will directly or indirectly financially benefit from a CFRP grant proposal being evaluated, or if a Panel Member has an identified role in the implementation of the project, that Panel member shall leave the meeting room during the discussion of that proposal and recuse themselves from the Panel's decision to avoid a conflict of interest. Panel members may answer questions from grant applicants regarding the eligibility and appropriateness of project proposal ideas and still engage in the discussion and decision on a proposal.

During Panel discussions, each member of the Panel shall take the concerns of other Panel members as seriously as they do their own regarding the contribution individual project proposals make towards forest restoration in New Mexico. Panel members are encouraged to support the recommendations of the Panel in their workplaces and in other groups concerned with forest restoration in New Mexico.

D. Recorder: The recorder shall capture issues raised and consensus recommendations of the Panel for each CFRP project proposal and for items of general discussion. The recorder shall take direction from the Chairman on final wording for consensus recommendations, and work with Panel members to assure that issues are captured accurately in the record of the meeting.

Section VI: Process for Developing Recommendations

By law, the Panel must seek to use a consensus based decision-making process in developing their recommendations. If the Panel does not reach agreement through discussion, they may use a weighted ranking system to identify the highest priority projects. The Secretary of Agriculture will make the final decision on which proposals receive funding.

Section VI: Expenses and Reimbursement

Members of the Panel serve without compensation. Reimbursement for travel expenses will be made in accordance with Federal per diem rates for attendance at meetings. Panel members should request authorization from the DFO prior to incurring any expenses associated with collecting input on project proposals including but not limited to photocopies, postage, and telephone calls. All expenses will be subject to approval of the DFO. Advisory Panel Expenses will be covered through the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program.

Charter

The CFRP TAP Charter can be viewed at the following website.
<http://facadatabase.gov/committee/charters.aspx?cid=1818&aid=171>

APPENDIX D

2016 Technical Advisory Panel Members

1. **State Natural Resources official from the State of New Mexico.**

Mark Watson, Terrestrial Habitat Specialist, Conservation Services Division, NM Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF), Santa Fe, NM.

Mr. Watson has 18 years of experience reviewing and commenting on forest management project proposals regarding effects to wildlife and habitats for national forests in New Mexico. He has served as the NMDGF representative to the New Mexico Forest Stewardship Committee for 15 years. Mr. Watson is a member of the review panel for the New Mexico Association of Counties Wildfire Risk Reduction grant program and serves as a member of the multi-agency New Mexico Endemic Salamander Team that reviews project proposals and makes mitigation recommendations to reduce impacts to salamander habitat. He worked on the development of ecological monitoring plans for the Ensenada CFRP grant, and is an ongoing participant in the Santa Fe National Forest Southwest Jemez Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project. Mr. Watson holds a BS in Biology, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of New Mexico.

2. **Federal Land Management Agency.**

Jeremy Kruger, Forestry Program Lead, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Albuquerque, NM.

Mr. Kruger manages forestry, emergency stabilization, and burned area rehabilitation programs and serves as liaison to collaborative groups for the BLM in New Mexico. He represents the BLM on the New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council and served as Acting National Stewardship Coordinator for the BLM in Washington, D.C. Prior to that Mr. Kruger was a Forest Health Specialist for the New Mexico Division of Forestry, where he designed and implemented collaborative forest and watershed restoration projects in piñon/juniper and ponderosa pine woodlands. He worked as a District Resource Manager for the New Mexico State Land Office where he initiated natural resource planning projects in central and western New Mexico and designed and implemented hazardous fuel reduction and watershed restoration projects. Mr. Kruger also worked as a Forestry Technician – Hotshot Wildland firefighter on the Santa Fe National Forest and as a Wilderness Ranger on the Santa Fe and Pike National Forests in New Mexico and Colorado. He holds a BS in Resource Economics from the University Of Vermont School Of Natural Resources and a MS in Environmental Law, Magna Cum Laude, from the Vermont Law School.

3. **Federal Land Management Agency.**

Constance Zipperer, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist, Pacific Southwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Vallejo, CA.

Ms. Zipperer worked for nine years as a CFRP Coordinator for the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. She built consensus on the criteria for evaluating risk and mitigation measures for two Community Wildland Protection Plans and represented the Lincoln National Forest on the Greater Ruidoso Area Wildland Urban Interface Group and the Otero County Forest Restoration Working Group. She also worked with New Mexico State University Department of Agricultural

Economics & Agricultural Business to develop a National Forest County Partnership Restoration Project to generate entrepreneurial activity to support sustainable forest management on the Lincoln National Forest.

4. **Tribal or pueblo representative.**

Phoebe Suina, Environmental Specialist and Program Manager, High Water Mark, LLC, Cochiti Pueblo, NM.

Ms. Suina is an environmental specialist and program manager for High Water Mark, LLC, where she manages emergency and disaster assistance projects for Cochiti Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Nambe Pueblo, Jemez Pueblo and other communities in New Mexico. This requires a multi-phased approach to mitigate threats to life from post-wildfire flooding followed by mid to long term recovery of watersheds. She is a tribal member of San Felipe and Cochiti Pueblos and has served on multiple committees for of the Cochiti Tribal Council including the Economic Development and Ancestral Land Acquisition Committees. Previously Ms. Suina managed emergency and disaster assistance projects for the US Department of Energy and Los Alamos National Laboratory following the Cerro Grande fire where she implemented a forest management plan that included tree thinning and erosion control efforts that minimized the wildfire impact of the Las Conchas Fire. Ms. Suina holds a Bachelor of Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and a Master of Engineering Management from the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College.

5. **Independent scientists with experience in forest ecosystem restoration.**

Matthew Hurteau, Professor of Biology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

Dr. Hurteau's research program focuses on climate change mitigation and adaptation in fire-prone forests. He has authored 33 peer-reviewed publications and two book chapters on forest ecology and restoration. Dr. Hurteau is a member of the Ecological Society of America's Rapid Response Team. He received funding from the Joint Fire Science Program to examine the effects of treatment placement on fire behavior under extreme fire weather on three Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration projects. Dr. Hurteau holds a BS in Forestry from Northern Arizona University and a PhD in Ecology from the University of California, Davis.

6. **Independent scientists with experience in forest ecosystem restoration.**

Stephen Campbell, Navajo County Extension Forester, University of Arizona, Pinetop, AZ.

As an Extension Forester, Mr. Campbell works with homeowners and homeowner associations to ensure they have access to the latest university research when making decisions about thinning trees on their properties. He serves on the monitoring sub-committee for the White Mountain Natural Resources Working Group. Mr. Campbell is also on the Arizona Forest Health Committee, the state insect/bark beetle task force, and the Arizona Firewise USA Committee. He works with Tribal wildlife and livestock managers who depend on forage, forbs, and browse production in forested areas. Mr. Campbell worked for 15 years with a coalition of private, Tribal, community, and agency representatives to identify and implement solutions to ecosystem and forest health issues in Eastern Arizona. He holds a MS in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University.

7. **Local communities**

Juan Sanchez, Chairman, New Mexico Land Grant Council, Chilili, NM.

Mr. Sanchez is the Chairman of the New Mexico Land Grant Council and served as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Chilili Land Grant. He served as Vice President of the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo. He was appointed by the Governor to serve on the New Mexico Acequia Commission. He was also appointed by the New Mexico Attorney General to serve on the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Task force from 2000 to 2005. Mr. Sanchez worked to develop a master Stewardship Agreement between the Land Grant Council and the Forest Service to identify traditional uses by Hispanic Land Grants of land administered by the Forest Service. He has developed and implemented successful cross jurisdictional CFRP planning and implementation projects that have created a precedent for working across Federal, Tribal, State, and Land Grant boundaries to accomplish forest restoration objectives

8. Local communities.

Krystyn Nystrom, Wildfire Network, Edgewood, NM.

Ms. Nystrom founded the Wildfire Network, a nonprofit organization that provides training in forest health and economic development in Wildland Urban Interface communities. She is also a cofounder of the Santa Fe hub of the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network. Ms. Nystrom aids the Wildland Divisions of the Santa Fe County Fire Department in planning and implementing Wildland mitigation and education projects. She performs assessments of wildland fire hazards for homeowners and created a database for collecting those hazard assessments. She also created a website for the Wildland Division to map their hazard assessments online. Ms. Nystrom developed and implemented a successful CFRP grant for hazardous fuel reduction and education. She was also awarded grants from the New Mexico Association of Counties and New Mexico State Forestry Division for fuels reduction and education.

9. Commodity Interests.

Sara Kuykendall, Kuykendall and Sons Lumber, Tres Piedras, NM.

Ms. Kuykendall manages data collection and analysis for ecological monitoring associated with a CFRP grant to Kuykendall and Sons Lumber. In her family lumber company she has run and maintained trim saws and mill equipment, reviewed forest treatment prescriptions and NEPA decision documents, and the marketed and sold timber products. For the last three years she has been involved in monitoring forestry contracts. Ms. Kuykendall has authored or co-authored numerous peer-reviewed publications on animal science and has a business raising cows. She holds a MS and a BS in Animal Science from New Mexico State University.

10. Commodity Interests.

Shiloh Old, Vice President, International Operations, Old Wood, Las Vegas, NM.

Mr. Old has 15 years of experience in forestry operations and tree farming including the harvest and utilization of numerous tree species throughout New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado. He is the Shop Forman at the Old Wood facility which manufactures wood flooring, molding and other wood products. Mr. Wood oversees manufacturing operations, customer relations, and human resource management. As Vice President for International Operations he has been involved in securing and completing wood flooring contracts in South Korea, the Republic of Georgia, and Kuwait. Mr. Old has participated in timber monitoring programs in Northern New Mexico and Central and West Texas. He holds a BBA in International Business from Rawls College of Business at Texas State University and an AA in General Studies from Santa Fe Community College.

11. Conservation Interests.

Ronald Loehman, Conservation Chairman, New Mexico Trout Albuquerque, NM.

Mr. Loehman is a member of the Sierra Club, Amigos Bravos, WildEarth Guardians, The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, Albuquerque Wildlife Federation, and the Wilderness Alliance. He worked as a member of a group that studied trout migration after the Las Concha's fire for the Valles Caldera National Preserve. He has worked with Amigos Bravos and WildEarth Guardians to designate New Mexico's headwater streams as Outstanding National Resource Waters by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission. Mr. Loehman has served on over a dozen scientific advisory panels at the federal and state level. He has organized, planned, and led many volunteer conservation projects which required working with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), NM Game and Fish, the Valles Caldera National Preserve, and the NM Environment Department. Mr. Loehman holds a PhD in Chemistry and has done graduate work in restoration ecology

12. Conservation Interests.

Carol Johnson, Board member of the NM Wilderness Alliance and the Upper Pecos Watershed Association, Glorieta, NM

Ms. Johnson is a Co-leader of the Sangre de Cristo chapter of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness. The Governor of New Mexico appointed her to the New Mexico Off- Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Board from 2010-2013 to represent quiet recreation users. As Wild Places Outreach Coordinator for the NM Wilderness Alliance, Ms. Johnson develops relationships, collaborates with and educates the public, pueblos, ranchers, conservationists, horse groups and local government on the benefits of public lands and wilderness for ranching, wildlife, watersheds and recreational uses. She is also involved in collaborative efforts to design strategic plans for wildlife, watershed protection, and roadless area inventories adjacent to the Pecos Wilderness. Ms. Johnson has worked with residents of La Cueva, Glorieta, Pecos, Glorieta Mesa and Santa Fe to provide input on the Santa Fe National Forest Travel Management Plan from scoping through final EIS, and educated these communities to become a Firewise group.

APPENDIX E- Agenda

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) Technical Advisory Panel Meeting,
August 8 – August 10, 2016
Purpose, Desired Outcomes and Agenda

Meeting Purposes:

- Use a consensus based process to develop recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture on which CFRP grant applications best meet the program objectives.
- Assign tasks to the CFRP Sub Committee for the review of completed projects.
- Create an environment in which interest groups that have a stake in the management of public forestland in New Mexico can build agreement on how forest restoration should occur on those lands.

Desired Outcomes:

- A recommendation for the Secretary of Agriculture on which CFRP grant applications best meet the program objectives.
- A report including:
 - Strengths, weaknesses, and recommended funding levels for each grant application;
 - Scores for each application indicating the degree to which it met the CFRP evaluation criteria;
 - Recommendations for improving individual grant applications where appropriate;
 - Recommendations for improving the CFRP Request for Applications and application review process; and
- Tasks for the CFRP Sub Committee for the review of CFRP multi-party assessment reports.

Time:

Monday, August 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Place:

Hyatt Place Albuquerque Uptown, 6901 Arvada Avenue, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 872-9000.

Designated Federal Official:

Walter Dunn

Facilitator:

Karl Malcolm

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Application Review Process:

- The Panel will take approximately 30 minutes to review each application. The review will include:
- A presentation by the grant applicant summarizing the background, objectives, partners, and budget for the application.
- The identification of and a negotiated agreement on strengths, weaknesses and recommendations for the application.
- A review of performance and/or multiparty monitoring reports from previous grant(s) if applicable.

Scoring of the application by CFRP Panel members:

After all the applications have been discussed the Panel will review their recommendations and scores for consistency and make corrections if necessary. The Panel will then develop three tables (utilization, planning, and implementation) to display the evaluation criteria scores for the applications in each category. The Panel will then evaluate and score each applications effect on long term management. Funding recommendations will be based on the rankings of the applications in each category. The Panel will identify up to two Utilization applications and up to four Planning applications for funding. The remainder of the applications recommended for funding will be for on the ground implementation.

Monday, August 8, 2016

When	What	Who
9:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Walter Dunn, DFO
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Meeting Logistics	Facilitator
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Review of Purposes, Desired Outcomes, and Agenda and Presentations of Certifications to Panel Members.	Facilitator and Walter Dunn
9:45 – 10:00 AM	What It Means To Be A Federal Advisory Committee	Walter Dunn
10:00 – 10:30 AM	FACA Ethics Training	Walter Dunn
10:30 – 11:00 PM	Review Panel Bylaws	Walter Dunn
11:00 – 12:15 PM	LUNCH (Panel Members Identify a Chair Person)	
12:15 – 1:30 PM	Designation of Panel Chair	Panel
1:30 – 2:00 PM	CFRP Update	Walter Dunn
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Develop Objectives and Identify Members for the CFRP Sub Committee to review reports from completed projects.	Panel
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Review Application Evaluation and Panel Discussion Process	Facilitator & Panel
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Panel
3:15 – 4:45 PM	Review application: CFRP 01-16 and 03-16	Panel
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Review of Day's Work and Agenda for Tuesday, Day Two	Facilitator
5:15 PM	Adjourn	

Tuesday, August 10, 2016

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Review Agenda for the Day	Facilitator
8:45 – 10:15 AM	Review applications: 02-16, 04-16 and 05-16	Panel Members
10:15 – 10:30 AM	BREAK	
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Review applications: CFRP 06-16 and 07-16.	Panel Members
11:30 - 11:45 AM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public who submitted written comment
11:45 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Review applications: CFRP 08-16, 9-16, 10-16, and 11-16	Panel Members
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	
3:15– 5:15 PM	Review applications CFRP 12-16, 13-16, 14-16	Panel Members
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public
5:30 – 5:45 PM	Review of the Day’s work and Agenda for Wednesday, Day 3	Facilitator
5:45 PM	Adjourn	

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Review Agenda for the Day	Facilitator
8:45 – 10:45 AM	Discuss and Agree on Consistency Review Process	Panel Members
10:45 – 11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 – 12:00 AM	Review Panel Comments for Consistency	Panel Members
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Public Comment Period	Panel Members
12:15 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH	
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Score Applications for their Effect on Long Term Management	Panel Members
2:30 – 3:30 PM	BREAK (FS staff compiles scores)	Panel Members
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Display final proposal scores	Panel Members
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Develop Recommended Distribution of Project Funding (Planning, Utilization, and Implementation)	Panel Members
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Public Comment Period	Members of the Public who submitted written comment
5:30 PM	Adjourn	

APPENDIX F

PUBLIC COMMENT

CFRP 04-16

Chimayo Conservation Corps

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Hello Mr. Dunn,

Please submit these comments to the Technical Advisory Panel regarding proposal CFRP 14-16.

The proposal CFRP 14-16, Planning for Wildfire and Water Source Protection in the Santa Fe Landscape, is an opportunity to broaden the over \$5 million dollar fuel reduction investment in the Santa Fe Municipal Watershed on a large landscape scale effort. The landscape assessment is the preferred approach to express current conditions and desired outcomes beyond the central watershed. The assessment shall identify and prioritize treatment areas, address utilization possibilities, and be used to inform the NEPA process. The potential for forest products appear limited due the road less areas, accessibility, and possible prescribed fire as a first entry treatment. However, a landscape assessment may inform us differently. We have included the Forest Industries Association in our meetings (CFRP – SFFD proposal sign-in sheet 01/12/16, in the application) and are supported by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. I fully expect forest products to be pursued and addressed in any implementation phase project. Furthermore, I thank the panel for their time, commitment and effort in this process.

Thank you,

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this agency has been in charge of this land for the last 50 years. why under your management were you so inept and incapable that this area now need "regeneration? did you log it to death. did you allow public to come in and massacre it for what they could steal. why was your management so substandard?

I see no reason for flooding money from gouged taxpayers to shis agency who obvsiously cant do the job. is uggest closing down t his agency and starting a new agency that can manage and protect our resources that are owned by 325 million people. obviously this agency is not up to the job. its time for agencies like this to get the f minus grades they deserve for substandards work.

I guess they were planning trips and conferences and doing everything under the sun with our tax dollars for the last 50 years except protect this area from criminals. this comment is for the public record. I think downsizing and shutting down a substandard agency makes sense about now. the taxpayers are gouged for tax dolalrrs and we get nothing for our money. this comment is for the public record. please receipt.
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August 10, 2016

Walter Dunn, CFRP Program Director
Cooperative and International Forestry, Room 329
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Dear Walter Dunn,

RE: Rachel Wood Consulting (RWC) 2016 application to the NM Collaborative Forest Restoration Program titled "Planning: Adding Value to New Mexico Wood through Branding and Chain-of-Custody - Revision."

I am writing to comment on the five recommendations assigned during the CFRP Technical Advisory Panel review held August 9, 2016 for application #11-16 referenced above. Thank you panel for your thoughtful review. Below is each recommendation and my public comment.

Recommendations:

1. It would strengthen the proposal if there was some data from the Colorado market showing that the Green label has resulted in more sales or more effective forest treatments.
The Colorado Forest Products Program is an incentive branding program to encourage Colorado consumers to buy wood sourced from Colorado since a very high amount of wood used in Colorado is from out-of-state. Kristina Hughes who assists in managing the program recently gave a presentation on the program at a marketing meeting for Old Wood LLC's CFRP project which I helped coordinate. Their program is very simple and not audited as are the more rigorous "certification" systems.
2. It would strengthen the proposal if there was a table of incremental costs added to products.
As a planning proposal, this will be addressed in the Business Sustainability and Financing Plan, the Project Development Plan and be a topic during discussions with NM forest industry for the Market Analysis. Three valuable studies we would like to gain feedback from prior to establishing costs added to products and annual fees for those selling products in the program.
3. Explore what the implications would be of the work being funded through a federal grant in terms of the trademark and ownership.
This will be done if awarded.
4. The panel encourages the applicant to explore other SBIR (Small Business Innovation and Research) federal grant programs.
This is an excellent suggestion and will be considered. I feel this project is best aligned with the objectives of the CFRP program and New Mexico forests and people.

August 10, 2016

5. The proposal would be strengthened if the scope was limited to restoration treatments for the study and certification process.

The primary objective of this project is increasing the value of small diameter trees coming from forest restoration treatments on US Forest Service lands in New Mexico. The project may be applicable to other Forest Service lands but our scope is already limited to New Mexico.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel C. Wood".

Rachel C. Wood



January 14, 2016

Suellen Strale
Executive Director/Founder
Chimayo Conservation Corps, Inc.
P.O. Box 1027
Chimayo, New Mexico 87522

Dear Ms. Strale:

On behalf of Forest Fitness (FF), I submit this Letter of Commitment and full support for the Chimayo Conservation Corps' (CCC) Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) 2016 grant proposal entitled: "*Chimayo Conservation Corps: Promoting Training and Career Development for Young Adults and Veterans in Watershed and Forest Restoration*".

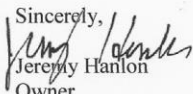
As a collaborating partner, Forest Fitness is committed to engaging in the implementation of CCC's 2016 CFRP proposal to treat 382 acres within the Francisco Project, in the Camino Real Ranger District, Carson National Forest.

FF understands that the Francisco Project is an important fuelwood resource for surrounding rural frontier villages. CCC treated 300 acres on a previous CFRP grant, and Forest Fitness joins in their organization's vested interest in the continuance of providing this resource to neighboring communities through the Camino Real Ranger District's Stewardship Block Program.

FF is in support of CCC providing forestry training and employment for young adults and veterans. Career opportunities for young people in forestry in northern New Mexico are limited at best, and FF encourages Chimayo Conservation Corps' (CCC) efforts to increase their capacity to develop a workforce to restore forest health and watersheds.

In the event that CCC is awarded, Forest Fitness will enter into a sub-award contract with CCC in the amount of \$ 171,900 for the 2 years of treatment implementation as described above. In addition, Forest Fitness is committed to providing a non-federal match contribution to the project in the amount of \$34,380.00 for the 2 year period.

We remain hopeful that the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Federal Advisory Committee recognizes this project as an important opportunity to engage young adults and veterans in the protection of their communities, the restoration of their forests and watersheds, and in reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Hanlon
Owner
Forest Fitness, LLC



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January 5, 2016

Director, Eight Northern Indian
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Dear Director,

We at Adelante Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (RC&D), are applying for a federal grant under the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP), administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Southwest Region. This will be a planning project that will complete an Environmental Assessment, Threatened and Endangered species surveys along with Heritage (archeological) surveys on approximately 4,000 acres of the Capulin and Walker Flats allotments near Mora, New Mexico, within the Santa Fe National Forest. This project will enable future treatments within these watersheds and provide much needed small diameter timber and fuel wood for local forest product producers and the local public. A copy of the summary of the grant application is attached. The CFRP Technical Advisory Panel has recommended that grant applicants contact tribes who may have an interest in the project based upon traditional rights or uses in the proposed project area. The CFRP is designed to encourage entities with interests in a particular forest area to collaborate in designing and implementing restoration projects in those areas. The purpose of this letter is to provide interested tribes with an opportunity to comment on or participate in projects receiving CFRP grants. Your tribe has been identified as potentially having aboriginal rights to or concerns with the proposed project area.

The CFRP Technical Advisory Panel will be reviewing the grant application and could recommend it for funding under the CFRP. The Secretary of Agriculture will make the final project funding decision. We welcome your assistance and involvement in the design and implementation of this project. Please review the enclosed information and contact Clarence Montoya at PO Box 124, Rainsville, NM 87736, (phone (505)429-6443) within three weeks of receipt of this letter if you wish to comment on the proposed project. If we do not receive any communication from you within this time frame we will continue to plan and implement the project.

Please let me know if you have any questions. If you would like to contact the Forest Service please call Ruben Montes, Program Coordinator at (505)438-7892. Thank you for your time and consideration in review of this application.

Sincerely

for 
Eldie Cruz
President, Adelante RC&D



City of Santa Fe Fire Department

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January 29, 2015

All Pueblo Council of Governors
2401 12th Street, NW
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Dear Council:

The City of Santa Fe Fire Department is applying for a federal grant under the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP), administered by the Southwestern Region of the USDA Forest Service. We are a municipal fire department concerned with water source protection and wildfire mitigation. The Department's Wildland Division has experience working with Santa Clara Pueblo, and Taos Pueblo on forestry and wildfire projects.

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The CFRP Technical Advisory Panel will be reviewing the grant proposal and could recommend it for funding. The Forest Service Southwestern Regional Forester will make the final project funding decision. I welcome your assistance and involvement in the design and implementation of this project. I can be reached at 505-955-3119, via email at pnchavarria@santafenm.gov, or at the address above. If we do not receive any communication from you we will continue to plan and implement the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration in review of this proposal. I hope you will decide to collaborate on this planning project and look forward to working with you to satisfy the Tribe's interests.

Sincerely,

Porfirio Chavarria,
Wildland Urban Interface Specialist
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Date: January 21, 2016

Eytan Krasilovsky, Southwest Director
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Eytan Krasilovsky, Southwest Director

Dear Eytan,

The Tres Piedras Ranger District supports the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) proposal, "Implementation at Cerro del Aire: Preparing the multi-jurisdictional landscape for fire."

Cerro del Aire and the resources of the Rio Grande del Norte are important to the cross-jurisdictional lands of the Taos Plateau. The Cerro del Aire landscape is adjacent to the San Antonio-Tusas planning area that the Tres Piedras District has been working on for over three years, and the proposed treatments will help realize the All-Lands restoration vision described by the Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

I am pleased to offer support to the Forest Stewards Guild, the State Land Office, and the Taos Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management who are working across boundaries to address forest and fire management challenges. I am also pleased to see that monitoring and watershed training with local youth and the interested public is incorporated into this proposal. It will benefit my district and the communities we work with to have the Fire Adapted Communities Peer Learning Workshops that are proposed. If funded, I am committed to supporting those activities.

I have reviewed the environmental documents submitted by the State Land Office and it is my understanding that they meet the standards of the National Environmental Policy Act and that there is sufficient information upon which to base an Agency decision under the NEPA if the Forest Stewards Guild receives funding.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate on this project, and to work together to promote fire adapted communities and resilient landscapes as described by the National Cohesive Wildland Strategy. I am happy to have these partners working in this companion landscape.

Sincerely,

CHRIS W. FURR
District Ranger



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